

8.3 PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION



- What is prejudice?
- What is discrimination?
- What can we do to try and eliminate both from our society?

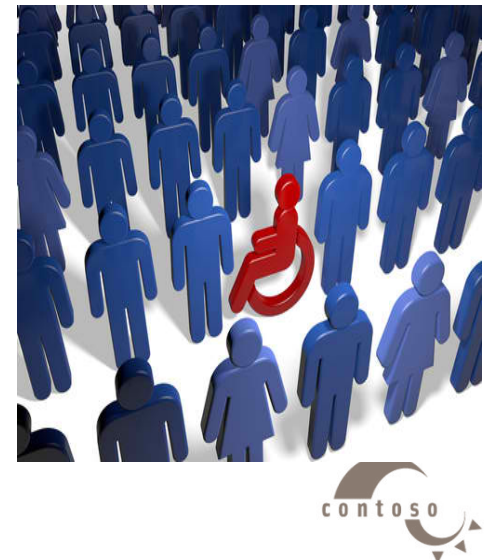
- In Canada The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and human rights laws have been established

- Canada aims to establish an egalitarian society

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms



- An egalitarian society is a society in which everyone can be treated equally, regardless of



- **Prejudice** is an unfavorable belief or judgment about members of a group, without the knowledge or experience needed to make such judgment



- Prejudices are often based on stereotypes.

- Stereotypes are simplified beliefs based on judging all members of a group by the behaviors of a few



- **Discrimination** is a set of actions that societies or individuals take against particular groups of people because of their race, gender, or other common characteristic



- Discrimination usually denies the members of such a group their rights or privileges , goods or services, or opportunities to an equal place in society



Systemic Discrimination

- Forms of discrimination supported by the law or widely practiced and supported by regulations
- South Africa before 1993
 - People were treated differently based on the color of their skin
 - If you weren't white you weren't allowed to live in certain places, use certain facilities, receive equal pay or have equal rights before the law

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- United States before 1970's
 - Separation of whites and non-whites on schools, restaurants and other public facilities

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- Canada
 - 1800's African-Canadian children were not allowed to attend school (even though parents paid taxes)
 - 1900's Chinese immigrants had to pay special "head tax" to enter
 - Women not allowed to vote in all provinces until 1940.

Unofficial Discrimination

- Occurs when individuals or organizations discriminate against people even when doing so is against the law



i) Genocide

The widespread killing of members of a particular group

WWII

Unofficial Discrimination

ii) Racism

Specific form of discrimination towards members of any racial or cultural group.



Unofficial Discrimination

iii) Sexism

Prejudice or discrimination based on a person's sex



Unofficial Discrimination

iii) Ageism

Prejudice or discrimination based on a person's age

